

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Preliminarily, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 35-38. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 24 and 36 have been amended. Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification. New claims 39-42 have been added and depend from the previously allowed claims. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of the above amendments claims 24, 26-27, 30-33 and 35-42 will be pending and claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 14-18, 25, 28, 29, and 34 will stand withdrawn.

Claims 24, 26, 27 and 30-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kurtev, *Communications SYNTHESIS*, February 1975, pages 106-108. The Applicants submit that the presently pending claim 24 is free of the cited art. For example, the ring structures of the Kurtev reference do not include the same constituents as currently claimed and are not both substituted. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection. Furthermore, Applicants submit that withdrawn claims 25, 28 and 29 are fully embraced by and depend from claim 24, and therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin these claims and indicate their allowance.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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